

Remarks

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

As noted above, enclosed herewith are a substitute specification, a marked-up version of the original specification showing the changes thereto, and a set of replacement drawing sheets. Applicant's undersigned attorney has reviewed the substitute specification and replacement drawing sheets and submits that they contain no new matter.


Claims 1-26 are presented for consideration. Claims 1 and 9 are independent. By this paper, claims 1-23 have been amended to delete reference numerals and to improve their form, and claims 24-26 have been added to recite preferred values previously recited in claims 2, 10, and 18, prior to the cancellation of the preferred values from those claims in this Preliminary Amendment. Support for the changes and new claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The enclosed drawing sheets replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-4. The replacement sheets are of better quality than the original sheets; however, no changes to the drawings have been made.